

Michigan Youth Advisory Council Proposal

What is being proposed?

The initiative that we are proposing is creating a commission by either executive order by the Governor of Michigan or by legislation by the Michigan legislature for a commission that would represent Michigan's youth and young adults of 16-28.

What is the purpose of the council?

The purpose and mission of the youth council is more than a simple answer. The council would serve the vital purpose of being a representative body of Michigan's youth to the governor and the legislature. The youth council would be a body of individuals, from the demographic appointed, to advocate for issues that are important to the youth and be a go-to when the governor and the legislature want to get input from the future generation of Michigan.

Why does Michigan need a youth council?

Michigan is a state that has seen a trend where the future of Michigan looks to be of fewer young people, especially those who are college educated. Michigan's continued economic recovery and vitality is tied to how competitive the State is in retention and attraction of this essential demographic. This council will help to harvest the talent of Michigan's youth by making them an important part of the process for decisions that will affect them for decades to come. The council will also empower and recognize the talents of our younger population.

Comparable commissions

The Hispanic and Latino Commission: Represent the Hispanic and Latino community

The Michigan Women's Commission: Meant to represent the interest of women in Michigan.

The Asian and Pacific American Affairs Commission: Represents the interests of the Asian community of Michigan.

The Arab and Chaldean American Affairs Commission: Represent the interest of the Arab and Chaldean American community in Michigan.



Why creating a Michigan Youth Council is a good idea?

The Michigan Youth Council will give a voice to a demographic that is largely disconnected from what is going on in state government. It will be an effective way to recognize the talents and innovative ideas the youth can bring to leading Michigan into a brighter and more vibrant future. The commission will give legislators a specific group of individuals who will help to provide the pulse of the youth in Michigan. It will signal, that in Michigan, you do not have to wait till you are older to get involved; it will say that Michigan values it's youth and in turn will make Michigan more competitive in the future.